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Rankin

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MEMORANDUM

TO: J. Lee Rankin

FROM: Norman Redlich

SUBJECT: Proposed Outline of Report

I attach a proposed outline of our final report. This plan envisages a main report and supplementary materials to be published as one volume. This will be followed by appendices to be published when prepared. These appendices will contain the supporting material for the report such as the transcript of testimony, important underlying investigatory material, and photos of important exhibits not published with the original report.

I have listed the staff members who I feel should have responsibility for the particular sections of the report. Although I have assigned small sections of the report to Mr. Willens, Mr. Eisenberg, and myself, the major responsibility lies with other members of the staff. I am assuming that Mr. Willens as your Administrative Assistant, and I as your Special Assistant, together with Mr. Eisenberg, will have responsibility for review, editing, avoidance of duplication, and the other technical details of putting a report into publishable condition.

With your permission, I would like to distribute this outline to the staff.

PROPOSED OUTLINE OF REPORT

(Submitted by Mr. Redlich)

I. Statement of Objectives and Standards (Mr. Rankin)

(The Report should start with a brief statement setting forth the Commission's view of its objectives and standards used to achieve them. It is important to clarify the Commission's position as a fact-finding body and to indicate wherein our findings differ from a judicial determination of criminal guilt.)

II. Brief Summary of Major Conclusions (Redlich and Willens)

(The purpose of this section is to provide the reader with a short statement of our major conclusions without having to read through the entire document.)

A. Basic Facts Concerning Assassination of President Kennedy and Shooting of Governor Connally

B. Identity of the Assassin

C. Conclusions Concerning Accomplices

D. Conclusions Concerning Motive

E. Ruby's Killing of Oswald and Conclusion as to Possible Link to Assassination

III. The Assassination - Basic Facts (Adams and Spector)

A. Physical Setting

1. Description of Motorcade

2. Description of Area where shooting Occurred

B. Shooting

1. Number of Shots

2. Medical Effect of Each Shot

3. Point from which shots fired